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1. UNDER AGENDA ITEM 22 (CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES), 59TH ECOSOC WILL CONSIDER DRAFT RESOLUTION OF COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (CND) CONCERNING PERIODICITY OF CND SESSIONS, MEETINGS OF SUB-COMMISSION ON ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST, AND MEETINGS OF HEADS OF NATIONAL NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OF FAR EAST REGION. RESOLUTION PRO-

POSES 1976 SPECIAL SESSION OF CND AND ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE OTHER TWO GROUPS.

2. USG BELIEVES DRUG ABUSE CONTROL TO BE AMONG MATTERS OF HIGHEST INTERNATIONAL PRIORITY. WE ALSO HAVE GENERAL POLICY THAT ECOSOC'S COMMISSIONS SHOULD MEET BIENNIALY. BECAUSE OF GRAVITY OF DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM, AND IN VIEW OF CONSTANT INNOVATIONS ON THE PART OF DRUG ABUSERS AND SUPPLIERS ON ONE HAND AND THOSE COMBATTING SPREAD OF DRUG ABUSE ON THE OTHER, USG HAS ADOPTED PRAGMATIC APPROACH: WE HAVE URGED CND TO HOLD SPECIAL SESSIONS IN ALTERNATE YEARS. THIS PERMITS NECESSARY ANNUAL REVIEW OF DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM WITHOUT DETRACTING FROM PRINCIPLE OF BIENNIAL MEETINGS. IMPORTANT

TO REMEMBER THAT CND IS SOLE UN BODY DEVOTING SYSTEMATIC ATTENTION TO PATTERNS OF ILLEGAL DRUG TRAFFIC. DURING CURRENT CRITICAL PERIOD THIS VITAL TASK REQUIRES ANNUAL ATTENTION.

3. TO ASSIST IN THIS REVIEW AND TO PROVIDE REGIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR COOPERATION AMONG LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS IN THIS SERIOUS PROBLEM AREA, CND ESTABLISHED SUBCOMMISSION ON ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST. WE THINK SUBCOMMISSION SHOULD MEET ANNUALLY.

4. WE ALSO SUPPORT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF HEADS OF NATIONAL NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OF FAR EAST REGION. ONLY THROUGH COOPERATION AND SHARING OF EXPERIENCE CAN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY EFFECTIVELY COMBAT DRUG ABUSE. UNCONTROLLED OPIUM PRODUCTION IN FAR EAST REGION DEMANDS CLOSE ATTENTION.

5. USG STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS RESOLUTION. ADDRESSEES AT UNCLASSIFIED

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THEIR DISCRETION REQUESTED BRING USG POSITION TO ATTENTION OF HOST GOVERNMENTS AND SEEK THEIR AGREEMENT TO INSTRUCT THEIR DELEGATIONS TO TAKE PARALLEL POSITION. PLEASE REPORT REACTIONS, INFO US MISSION GENEVA. KISSINGER

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